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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EPA OFFICIAL DR. MCCAMMON

1. DR. HELEN MCCAMMON, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AT BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, PLANS DECEMBER-JANUARY PRIVATE VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND, WHERE HER HUSBAND NOW ON SABBATICAL. DR. MCCAMMON SPECIALIZES IN FIELDS OF GEOLOGY AND MARINE BIOLOGY. IN ADDITION SHE HAS SOME EXPERTISE IN SEWAGE TREATMENT AREA. EPA'S INFORMATION ON GNZ ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES IS INCOMPLETE AND EPA WISHES TAKE ADVANTAGE DR. MCCAMMON'S VISIT TO INVESTIGATE BROAD RANGE OF NEW ZEALAND ACTIVITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK APPOINTMENT DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 9-17 FOR DR. MCCAMMON WITH GNZ COMMISSIONER OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO DISCUSS NEW ZEALAND'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES, AND LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IN ENVIRONMENT FIELD. IN ADDITION, REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK APPOINTMENT DURING SAME PERIOD WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AUTHORITY IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. ASPECTS OF NEW ZEALAND'S ENVIRONMENTAL PICTURE WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO DR. MCCAMMON INCLUDE ENERGY (GEOTHERMAL AND HYDROELECTRIC),

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